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WIN A TRIP TO ITALY IN OUR BIG CONTEST!

SOCCER WORLD, in conjunction with the Italian-language bi-weekly newspaper LA FIAMMA, this week starts the most sensational and rewarding Contest ever undertaken in Australian soccer.

The two fabulous first prizes are a return air ticket by Alitalia Airlines to Italy for one and return air tickets to Singapore for two.

In the past, all soccer contests organised by newspapers were geared to benefit the players only.

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The first part of our Contest is really a popularity ballot, designed to find Australia's best player.

We will ask our readers to cast their vote each week for the player of their choice.

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The second part of our Contest calls upon

the soccer skill and knowledge of our readers.

They will have to correctly predict results and final placings in various Australian competitions and match series.

The winner will be the reader who, during the Contest, accumulates the highest number of points.

His prize: a return ticket to Italy by Alitalia Airlines.

The Contest starts in today's issue, on page 2.

It will run weekly until the end of the Australia Cup.

FABULOUS

Readers from all States are eligible to enter.

Although it sounds like an old cliché, it's perfectly true this time: you cannot afford to miss out on this fabulous Contest.

Make sure of your copy of SOCCER WORLD by placing a permanent order with your newsagent or by taking out a subscription.

Now, turn to page 2 and read all about the conditions and rules of this fantastic Contest.

Leaders of Australian soccer this week called the Contest "fantastic", "revolutionary" and "stupendous".

Jim Bayutti, Vice President of the Australian Soccer Federation said:

"I am happy to see the oldest soccer newspaper and the largest foreign-language newspaper co-operate on a project of this magnitude."

"I am convinced that this Contest will be of tremendous help to soccer."

"It is pleasing to know that Alitalia Airlines, through their General Manager, the Marchese Gianni Miceli-Picardi have joined these two newspapers in this Contest."

"They have always been one of soccer's staunchest friends and while being an overseas company, are still more conscious of their duty to this country than most local enterprises."

"If we had several more like Alitalia, we could make the professional league a reality."

THIS SCG WE'VE GOT!

Soccer may be arbitrarily barred from the Sydney Cricket Ground, but First Division soccer will at least be played at the adjoining No. 2 Oval this year.

Following Sydney Austral's amalgamation with Western Suburbs, the SCG No. 2, is available on Saturdays.

The NSW Federation has successfully tendered for the ground.

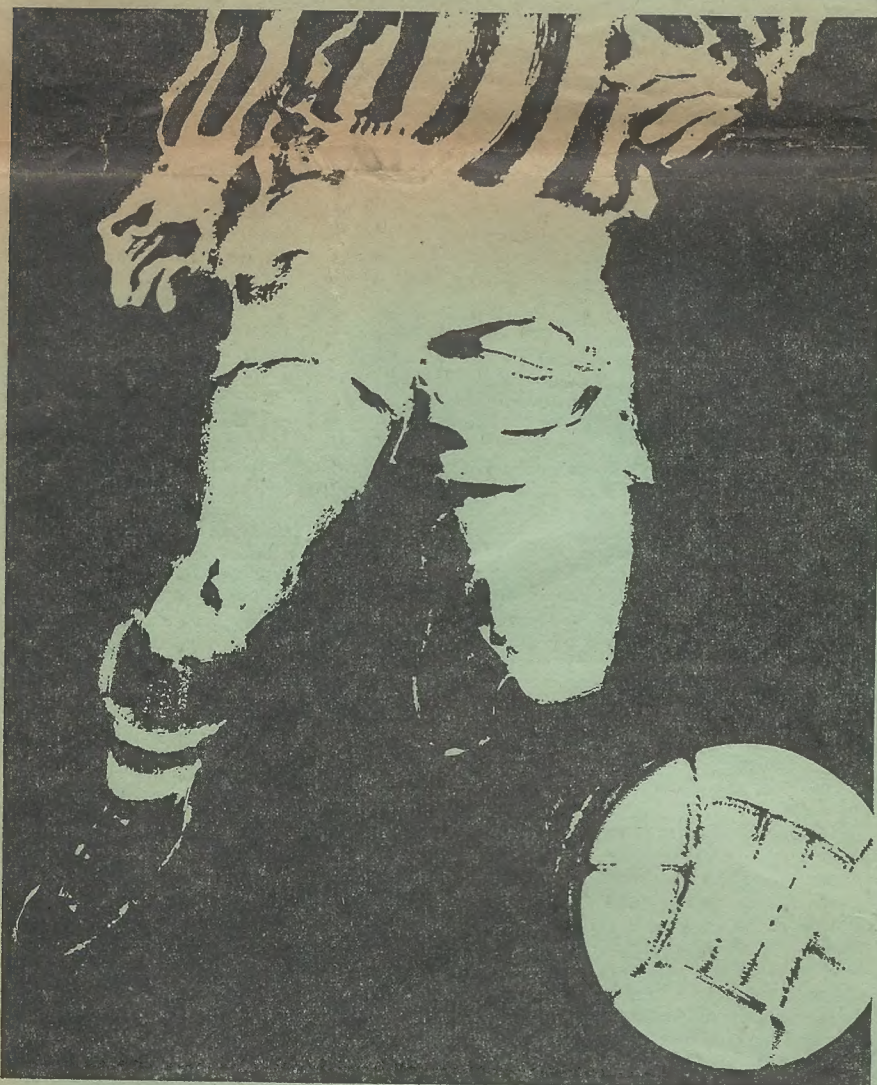
As a result, three First Division clubs — St. George-Budapest, Croatia and Yugal — will play a number of Saturday competition games there.

The ground was last used for First Division soccer in 1961, the year Sydney Austral — the tenants since 1954 — were relegated.

The ground first came into prominence as a soccer venue during World War II when "Golden Hind" played there.

"Golden Hind" was a team of Sydney-based English navy personnel.

Croatia left-half Ivo Tomicic presents a study in concentration as he gets this pass away with Hakoah full-back Ian Hillsdon in hot pursuit. Both gave first class displays last Sunday when Hakoah scored a late goal to snatch a 1-0 victory in a thrilling a-minute match. Hakoah now lead Group "B", but face another stiff hurdle on Friday night when they meet semi-final-bent Pan Hellenic.



Follow the Ampol Cup for four weeks of soccer thrills. All the top teams in action. Four matches each week. Two on Friday nights at the E. S. Marks Field. Two on Sunday afternoons at Wentworth Park. Take the family. Go with friends. Make up a Soccer Party — and go — for excitement.

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SOCCER WORLD's "Annual" for 1967 will be on sale at the end of next week.

This book covers every facet of Australian soccer, giving results, teams, tables and directories from all major States.

Paul Dean has written a special chapter on the 1966 World Cup while Lou Gautier has contributed a piece on the Asian Games, both watched and reported on by the two writers.

The attractive green cover features a portrait of Manchester United and England star Bobby Charlton.

The "Annual" will be on sale at major grounds and newsagents.

You can also have it sent to you for the same price — 40c.



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His club:

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READER CONTEST

SECTION 1

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● The runner-up of the Sydney Ampol Cup

will be:

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Conditions of the contest

For each correct answer, you receive 10 points. However, in order to qualify for the 10 points on Question 3, you must have given the correct answer to the first two. So if you get the final score right but one or both of the teams wrong, you get no points. MAXIMUM POSSIBLE: 30 points.

1. All readers of SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA are eligible to enter except employees and the immediate families of these and all metropolitan newspaper organisations in Australia.

2. All entries must be entered on coupons appearing in SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA only. The coupons must be filled in and cut out, then sent to the address given below.

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5. All coupons must be filled in legibly, preferably in ink and in printed letters.

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10. The Editorial Board of SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA jointly act as judges in both Contests. Their decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Prizes and rules

First prize in the PLAYERS CONTEST will be two return air tickets to Singapore by ALITALIA AIRLINES. The player receiving the largest number of votes in each State throughout the period of the Contest will enter the Finals. At the end of the Contest a draw will be made to determine the eventual winner who may not be the player receiving the largest absolute number of votes.

Each week SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA will publish progress scores in the voting.

First prize in the READERS CONTEST will be one return air ticket to Italy by ALITALIA AIRLINES.

The winner of this section will be the reader who accumulates the highest number of points throughout the various stages of the Contest.

For each section — the first appearing today — various points will be awarded. These, after the completion of each section, will be added up and tabulated, thus each reader's score will be carefully checked and kept. Progress standings will be periodically published in both SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA.

● Closing date of entries for Section No. 1 (Ampol Cup, Sydney results): Friday, March 17, 5 p.m.

SAINTS WIN FOURTH TIE, CROATIA LOSE WITH OWN GOAL

St. George-Budapest, with four straight wins under their belt, have won Group "A" and a semifinal place.

To be deposed as group winners they would have to lose by eight goals to APIA on Sunday. For APIA even a draw would be enough to gain

second place. In Group "B" the picture is more confused as no less than five teams still have a chance for the semifinals.

fer, and Hillhouse performed satisfactorily. Cliss wasn't seen at his best but his passing was still a feature of the game.

may be in a lot of bother later this year.

Details:

St. George-Budapest: Sokoloff; Stegbauer, Hillary; Schaefer, Morgan, De Bruin; Todd, Isaac, Warren, Cliss, Hillhouse.

Yugal: Djukic; Dragovic, Crnic; Ringhoff, Banicevic, Rafanelli, Alagich, Takac, Edwards, Dunaj, Bobic.

Scorers: Cliss 12 min. (pen.); Hillhouse 61 min., Warren 68 min. for St. George; Takac 45 min.; Bobic 47 min. for Yugal.

Referee: Wilson.

Crowd: 2,400 (double-header). — Paul Dean.

Last Friday:

Dramatic finish

St. George-Budapest staged a grandstand finish to rescue their match against Yugal.

In the other encounter South Coast were troubled to beat a very modest Cumberland.

Cumberland: Fisher; Smith, Haggett; Charlton, P. Keen, Fernie; Entwhistle, D. Keen, Keddie, Goldie, Allan (Crocker).

Scorers: Tolson 53 min.; Barnett 56 min. (Pen.) and 60 min. Referee: Sorbie.

South Coast v. Cumberland 3-0

There is no use mincing our words: this was a dull, colorless, sub-standard match, possibly the worst in the series so far.

There was extremely little purposeful, well thought out action during the 70 minutes on either side.

Typically enough, even the three goals failed to satisfy.

One was a fluke shot which Tolson won't repeat for years, one came from a terribly severe penalty and the third was gifted by the Cumberland defence.

South Coast were slightly the better team as at least they showed some kind of cohesion.

In front of goal they seemed to be a trifle calmer than their opponents whose forward quintet gave a truly pathetic display.

South Coast won because they had a few players rising above the mediocre. Ringland, Salisbury and Barnett — three old hands — had enough wile and craft to infuse a semblance of a method in their team.

Tolson is still wasted in the forward line and may prove to be a classic case how they have turned a splendid half into a very ordinary forward.

There were few redeeming features about Cumberland's showing.

The defence made elementary errors while the forwards could hardly create even reasonable chances, let alone take them.

Only Fernie and Keddie stood their ground, the others are either in very bad form or form a very bad team.

Details:

South Coast: Nuell; Kerr, Ringland; Carr, Barnes, Salisbury; Paterson, Strachan, Barnett, Tolson, Davies.

St. George v. Yugal 3-2

The Saints had to win this match twice, due to their own inexperience.

They started well and in the first 25 or 30 minutes outplayed a very poor Yugal.

However, soon after the start of the second half Yugal stormed with extraordinary elan, causing the utmost panic in the St. George defence.

Within minutes they shot to the lead, deservedly so, even if their second goal was preceded by an obvious foul on Morgan.

Just when Yugal looked like having the game wrapped up, they relaxed and, somewhat exhausted, sat down on their laurels.

So St. George-Budapest were all but invited to have a second bite at the cherry, which they gratefully accepted.

In the end it was a foregone conclusion that they would not only draw but win, thanks to their undaunted fighting spirit and far better stamina.

While this wasn't a great match either, at least it had elements of drama and in parts some very clever football by both sides.

St. George-Budapest gave glimpses of what they may be like in a few months, if their young team keeps progressing.

However, their defence is far too green at the moment to see a match out without periods of absolute chaos and confusion.

None of the Saints really sparkled — least of all John Warren, completely at sea in the role of the spearhead — but Hillary, Sokoloff, De Bruin, Schae-

fer, and Hillhouse performed satisfactorily. Cliss wasn't seen at his best but his passing was still a feature of the game.

Yugal lost primarily because their defence made a number of fatal mistakes and because they could not sustain their second half blitzkrieg.

While they played really well for about 20 minutes, at the start and at the end they were outpaced and almost outclassed.

Only Rafanelli, Dunaj and Takac could be mentioned though Takac, unless he curbs his temper,

Last Sunday:

Finishing drama

Hakoah regained the lead in Group "B" and Prague won their first match of the season in last Sunday's Wentworth Park Cup double-header.

Prague v.

Polonia 3-2

Prague staged a great second half recovery to pip Polonia on the post after trailing 0-2 with 15 minutes to go.

Polonia were the better team in the first 20 minutes and their forwards played their best football of the series during that period.

Ironically, their two goals were the result of a penalty and an own goal when they could easily have scored two or three goals through the good approach work of their halves, particularly Gawlik, who had a welcome return to form.

Outclassed and ill at ease in the wet, Prague made a determined comeback late in the first half and took command for most of the second.

Their young forwards, where Gary Manual was outstanding, gave the experienced Polonia defence the run-around and Prague generally deserved their first win of the season although Polonia came within inches of the equaliser late in the match when they rushed the Prague goal.

Coach Venglos had a quiet playing debut for Prague, but his constructive passing impressed.

The match was quite entertaining as both teams attacked often and play fluctuated from one goal to the other.

Details:

Prague: King; Harcombe, B. Tracey; Hill, Zeman, Venglos; Povey, Miner (D. Tracey), Scheinflug, G. Manual, Armytage.

Polonia-NS: Drewniak; Filok, Calphy; Gawlik, Dzialach, Komoder; Gaik, Muhlbauer, Baker, Krawiarz, Adamson.

Scorers: Manual 21 min., Scheinflug 59 min. and Zeman 64 min. for Prague; Krawiarz 5 min. (penalty) and Hill (t.o.g.) 15 min. for Polonia.

Referee: J. Scarborough.

Hakoah v.

Croatia 1-0

A fatal moment's hesitation by fullback Lincoln almost certainly cost Croatia a place in the semifinals.

Lincoln's only grave lapse of the match allowed Hakoah to "score" the only goal of the match six minutes from the end.

The winning goal came as an anticlimax as it was hardly worthy of a game that produced fine football, suspense and a thrill-a-minute.

The match was played like a true Cup final and had the crowd bubbling with excitement from start to finish.

Hakoah on the whole deserved to win as they had more of the ball, but it was a pity their winning goal should be scored in such circumstances.

Despite the atrocious conditions both teams played fast, constructive football.

The defences of both teams could hardly be faulted, but Hakoah had the edge in attack, especially when Ninaus was still on the field.

Croatia were very dangerous whenever they broke away, but it was only one player, Reynolds, who led most of their attacks.

Hakoah's greater mobility in attack and the impressive cover-defence of stopper Marnoch paved the way for their precious victory.

Croatia, however, need not feel ashamed: they have played much worse in the past and won.

Details:

Hakoah: Fuzes; Edwards, Hillsdon; Walsh, Marnoch, Duffy; Fekete, Harding, Laraman, Ninaus (injured), Holden.

Croatia: Corry; Lincoln, Curry; Sloan (injured), Snedden, Tomicic; Tyrrell, R. Cush, F. Cush, Reynolds, Kakakios (Swoboda).

Scorer: Lincoln (t.o.g.) 64 min.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 2,250 (double-header).

— Lou Gautier.

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Vital last round will bring many thrills

— By LOU GAUTIER —

The Ampol Cup preliminary round-robin ends on Sunday with all teams playing this weekend as a double-header will also be played Saturday at Arlington Oval.

The stage is set for a thrilling finish to the preliminary rounds as only one of the semifinalists is known at this stage — St. George-Budapest.

Five teams can mathematically still reach the semis in Group "B" — Hakoah, Melita Eagles, Pan Hellenic, Croatia and Prague.

In Group "A" Yugal are still in the race, but the odds heavily favor APIA for the second place.

Prague v. Croatia

Both teams played some excellent stuff last week and their clash in Friday's early game should produce interesting football.

As a result of their win over Polonia, Prague can still mathematically make the semifinals, believe it or not...

For the five-time Ampol Cup winners to achieve this they must, naturally, beat Croatia, and Melita Eagles and Pan Hellenic must lose without scoring more than a goal.

The same applies for Croatia if they are to qualify for the semis.

The teams after all will have something to play for and the thought, however remote, of making the semis should make for an interesting game.

Judging on last Sunday's form, Croatia must be favored to win.

Their defence appears too strong for Prague's young forward-line, but the inclusion of coach Venglos in the half-back line has added a touch of maturity to Prague's mid-field play and Croatia's attack will not have things all their own way.

A narrow, one-goal, win is about all Croatia can optimistically expect.

Hakoah v. Pan Hellenic

Friday's late game is just about the most important of the whole Ampol Cup as the winner will automatically qualify for the semifinals next week.

The issues are simple.

If Pan Hellenic win, they're in without worrying about the other results this weekend.

If they lose they're definitely out unless Melita also lose and score less goals and Croatia play a 2-2 or smaller draw.

Hakoah are in a better position: a draw is enough for them to reach the semifinals.

With so much at stake this game should be a real thrilling crowd-pleaser.

A ray of hope has emerged from the Pan Hellenic camp after their win over Polonia two weeks ago and the improvement of their forwards.

However, much more improvement is needed if Pan Hellenic is to reach its first ever Ampol Cup semifinal on Friday.

Lacking a striker in attack, Pan Hellenic can't entertain much hope for many goals and will have to play a tight defensive game and rely on breakaways to unsettle Hakoah.

Last year's Grand Final winners, on the other hand, are a better balanced side, especially in defence where goalies, rearguard and halves combine into a well-oiled, efficient unit which has proved

its worth over the last two years.

Man for man Hakoah hold the upper hand and having overcome the Croatia hurdle last week we feel they will come out on top.

Hakoah in the recent past usually have had the better of Pan Hellenic and Friday should see the trend repeated.

Melita Eagles v. Polonia-NS

Melita Eagles, surprise-packet of the Ampol Cup, will treat this match like a final as they will reach the semifinals if they win.

Melita have burst on the First Division like a breath of fresh air.

The enthusiasm of their players and supporters has added color and excitement to the local scene.

Polonia should not present an unsurmountable obstacle to the Eagles at Arlington Oval. Their forwards, though still very uncertain, are far more mobile and imaginative than Polonia's.

Driven on by their large band of volatile spectators it would be surprising if Melita stumbled with the semis in sight.

Polonia, with nothing at stake, may open up the game and play attacking soccer.

Whether this will pay dividends remains to be seen, but it all points to a surprise — but deserved — semifinal berth for the newly-promoted Eagles.

Canterbury v. Cumberland

With absolutely nothing at stake, Saturday's early match at Arlington Oval will allow both teams to make last-minute trials before the competition.

This will be no dourly fought, tense struggle although Cumberland would dearly love to end the series with something else than a defeat for a change...

Canterbury, playing at home, will give nothing away as their young team also needs a morale-boosting success on the eve of the tough competition.

All points to a second Canterbury win, and a rather comfortable one at that.

Cumberland have far too many glaring weaknesses in all departments at the moment to expect a change of fortune Saturday.

Yugal v. SCU

Yugal know the task that confronts them on Sunday.

They must score goals in excess of three and win, and then sit through the late match, hoping APIA will lose without scoring a goal.

A tall order if ever there was one, and one that leads us to believe that Yugal will miss out on the semifinals even though they are slightly favored to beat South Coast in Sunday's curtain-raiser.

South Coast will try to bustle and hustle the slower Yugal off their feet in their last full dress rehearsal before the start of the premiership.

In Paterson and Alagich, fans will see the two best right wingers in Sydney at the moment, and both could play a big part in the outcome of the game.



Yugal-South Coast clashes have always been fiery and controversial in the past and we could again witness fireworks on Sunday when two entirely different styles and concepts clash.

Yugal get our nod for victory, but we doubt whether they can score three goals against the improving, no-nonsense South Coast defence.

APIA v. St. George

The onus is entirely on APIA here as Saints cannot be displaced from first place in Group "A" — unless they lose 8-0.

Don't think for one minute, however, that St. George won't be trying.

They would like nothing better than to retain their 100 per cent. record, and also break the hoodoo APIA has had on them for the last few years.

St. George, however, will have to tighten their defence if they want to retain their unbeaten record.

Any loose play against a sharp-shooting opportunist like Giacometti would be suicidal and could prove their undoing.

APIA's forwards are due for a change of fortune and since this match is all-important for them they may click at last, particularly Campana, who so far this year has not been the player who delighted the fans last season with his brilliant ball control and artistry.

Gary King's spectacular flying dive seems to frighten team-mate David Zeman (No 5) in this goalmouth incident during last Sunday's Prague-Polonia (3-2) Ampol Cup clash.

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EDWARDS
HILLSDON
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DUFFY
FEKETE
EDMUNDS
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THIS WEEKEND

AMPOL CUP

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

Croatia v. Prague — Marks Field, 7.00 p.m.
Pan Hellenic v. Hakoah — Marks Field, 8.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Polonia-NS v. Melita Eagles — Arlington Oval, 1.45 p.m.
Cumberland v. Canterbury — Arlington Oval, 3.15 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

Yugal v. South Coast — Wentworth Park, 1.45 p.m.
APIA v. St. George-Budapest — Wentworth Park, 3.15 p.m.

NEXT WEEKEND

AMPOL CUP

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

AMPOL CUP SEMIFINALS — Marks Field
7.00 and 8.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

AMPOL CUP FINAL — Wentworth Park 3.15 p.m.
Third place play-off — Wentworth Park 1.30 p.m.

AMPOL TABLES

GROUP "A"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. George	4	4	—	—	16	5	64
APIA	4	2	2	—	11	5	45
Yugal	4	1	2	1	9	7	31
SCU	4	1	1	2	6	6	23
Canterbury	4	1	1	2	5	10	22
Cumberland	4	—	—	4	5	19	5

GROUP "B"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	4	3	—	1	3	1	39
Melita E.	4	2	1	1	4	3	33
P. Hellenic	4	1	3	—	6	4	33
Croatia	4	1	2	1	3	3	25
Prague	4	1	1	2	5	6	22
Polonia-NS	4	—	1	3	4	8	9

AMPOL REFEREES

Croatia v. Prague — J. Henkelman; Hakoah v. Pan Hellenic — N. Jones; Yugal v. South Coast — M. Buchanan; APIA v. St. George — H. Parsons; Polonia v. Melita Eagles — K. Lockrey; Cumberland v. Canterbury — F. Woolman.

WIN: 12 pts.
DRAW: 5 pts.
GOAL: 1 pt.

GROUP "A"

	APIA	St. George	South Coast	Yugal	Cumberland	Canterbury
APIA	●					
St. George	2-2	●				
South Coast	2-2	0-2	●			
Yugal	1-1	2-3	●	●		
Cumberland	1-3	2-8	0-3	2-5	●	
Canterbury	1-5	1-3	2-1	1-1	●	●

GROUP "B"

	Hakoah	Prague	P. Hellenic	Croatia	Polonia	Melita Eagles
Hakoah	●					
Prague	0-1	●				
Pan Hellenic	1-1	1-1	●			
Croatia	0-1	1-1	1-1	●		
Polonia	0-1	2-3	1-3	1-1	●	
Melita Eagles	1-0	2-1	1-1	0-1	●	●

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

McMEECHAN LIKELY TO REMAIN WITH CROATIA

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

Unless an extraordinary offer is presented — and it will need to be much more than \$4000 which APIA are reported to have made — Hammy McMeechan will "stay put" with his present side, Croatia, despite all the speculation which has surrounded his future since his return from Scotland less than a month ago.

This news from the Croatia club will be a fillip for the fans who have high hopes that the Maribynong team will be leading contenders for top league and cup honors this season.

With a \$4000 transfer fee for McMeechan the Croatia management would not even break even on the outlay they have spent on the player which includes a \$2000-plus fee paid to Slavia for his transfer, a considerable amount to the player and the all-in air cost of bringing him back from Scotland recently.

Further, if Croatia were to transfer McMeechan interstate they would be up for another \$500 expense, the additional sum they agreed to pay Slavia if the player was transferred interstate.

Hammy was also sought by both George Cross and South Melbourne Hellas before he had left for Scotland.

However, both the Victorian clubs lost interest after his return and no doubt because the fact that APIA were reported to be keen on McMeechan.

For it's improbable any of the pair would have matched any offer made by APIA.

On his recent trip back to Scotland he was training with Scottish First Division side, Partick Thistle, and in fact had he not made up his mind to return to Australia, was set to play a trial period for the Glasgow club.

Despite many rumors Hammy is still single and if he maintains his present form he should stake a claim for the Australian international games against Scotland and is almost a certainty for Victoria's matches against Manchester United.

Suspended — but never played

The ambitious first division side, Triestina, have probably made history by suspending a player who has never kicked a ball for them either in practice, or in a match, Graham Watson.

And thereby hangs a couple of tales.

Triestina secured Watson, a fiery red-haired Irishman

through the Victorian Soccer Federation for a small fee after the VSF had taken over the playing staff of a club they had expelled, Libertas.

Triestina chief Bruno Tessari was happy with his signature.

For a couple of seasons Watson was the regular centre forward of Lions and had a big say in the Essendon side reaching the night soccer final.

Triestina, in addition to the fee they paid the Federation, also gave Watson a substantial sum (by first division standards) to sign as well as the promise of attractive playing terms.

Now Triestina have suspended the player indefinitely, as they say Watson has never appeared for training since he signed for them.

Almost unknown

One of the most underrated and least publicised of the promising local products in the State League is undoubtedly centre forward or winger Jim Mangopolous of Alexander.

Only 20 years of age and one of the stars in the Adelaide youth carnival three years ago, after which he joined Alexander and went straight into the first team, he held his place consistently and has been the club's leading goal-scorer for the past two seasons with well over 30 to his credit.

Fast, tricky, good in the air and packing a powerful finishing shot, it amazes me that the image of this fine player should be so obscured.

Never once has he even been rated or mentioned as a possibility for any of the Victorian teams and it strikes me that had he been playing with one of the more fashionable clubs he would not only have been a better player — good as he is at the moment — but recognition may have also come his way.

I'm also surprised that in the perpetual hunt for first class players and the amount of cash which is paid for some values, no enterprising club has stepped in with a good offer for Mangopolous.

Melbourne committee

Melbourne-Hungaria celebrated their 10th anniversary as a club at their Annual General meeting last week by re-electing their three top officials:

Frank Egry, President, Andy Kun, chairman and Tom Markus, secretary.

Only major change was the appointment as treasurer of Tom Tormasi, who was for some time treasurer of the Junior Soccer Federation.

Melbourne reserve inside forwards Frank McCann and Gerry Bogan are both on the transfer list.

Star for G. Cross?

Fully 24 hours after he arrived in Melbourne to join George Cross, new inside forward Reuben Evans turned out for the Maltese side in a full scale match against the Victorian State Team.

Evans was something of a revelation despite the fact he had just arrived, was not fully

tuned up and was playing alongside a bunch of complete strangers.

Tall and well built — he stands just under 5'11" — and weighing over 12 stone, Reuben is an Irishman from Belfast who was for five years on the books of Glasgow Rangers and until recently was playing in South Africa with Port Elizabeth.

An inside forward, he could be the most exciting player to come to Melbourne since John Doherty.

Selector makes it clear

Rumors that trouble is brewing between sole Victorian selector Lou Debono and coach Jim Adam of Croatia are exaggerated.

But there has been a slight difference of opinion between the pair.

Debono says he made it quite clear on appointing Adam that he has absolutely no say in selection of the team which is entirely left in the hands of the George Cross chief.

MELB-HUNGARIA

TIP FOR FINAL TRIUMPH

The 1967 Ampol Cup ends this Friday when Melbourne meet Slavia in the final at Olympic Park.

This should be a good final as both teams play strictly orthodox soccer and each has more than a few players whose individual performances are quite often a treat to watch.

Melbourne are unbeaten in the Cup so far and the only occasion they dropped a point was to Polonia in the qualifying rounds.

They handed out a 4-0 defeat to Slavia, their opponents tonight, in the first game so if revenge means anything the Port Melbourne side will certainly be after it.

Form players to watch for Melbourne are Surma in goal, Taylor at centre half, Connelly at inside left and Myers at outside left.

For Slavia Randles at right half, Cook at centre half, Lockton on the right wing and Reid at centre are the men who may catch the eye.

Overall a very thin line separates the sides in ability, teamwork and punch.

Slavia are perhaps a little more steadier in defence but slower in this department than Melbourne.

In attack they once again pair off although at the

moment the Melbourne forwards are in goal scoring form.

And for this I'm selecting Melbourne to win the 1967 Ampol Cup.

Melbourne-HSC v. Croatia 3-1

Despite being in arrears Melbourne never panicked in this exciting semifinal tie but waited for their chance and pounced when Croatia fell to pieces in defence.

Then they proceeded to mesmerise their opponents with three well taken goals.

Quite a few reckoned it was all over bar the shouting when Jim McKay scored early in the game for Croatia and a good goal it was, too.

But Melbourne never faltered and superb defensive play by Taylor plus tight goalkeeping by Surma and a fine equaliser by Bob Connelly put them level in the 90th minute.

Before the end of the regulation 90-minute period, Melbourne had fought back and grabbed control of the game.

In extra time they were in complete command and scored just before the change-over and again in the last period of extra time.

All three Melbourne goals were banged in by Bob Connelly who proved himself the ace opportunist of the match.

Croatia tried hard but were badly let down by their fullbacks.

Scorers: Connelly (3) for Melbourne, McKay for Croatia.

POLONIA WILL GO ALL OUT FOR WIN

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

Monday night's two final minor round Ampol Cup matches at Hindmarsh could be an anti-climax following last week's two imperative games.

However, despite the fact that Seaclyffe-Austria have no chance of qualifying for the semifinals, Polonia will still be flat out to win in order to keep their prestige riding high for the major round.

On recent form Polonia, the Ampol Cup holders, look in little danger of defeat but Austria may improve dramatically now that the pressure is off them.

Juventus, currently un-

disputed leaders of Group "A", are assured of a semifinal berth even if they lose to Port Adelaide in Monday's late game.

For the "Maggies" it's a vastly different story because only a win will keep them in the competition.

Port, after their impressive win over Croatia, should not be under-rated.

With Johnny Baines now in attack and new State squad winger John Glen to set up the chances, Port have the potential to pester even the calculated Juventus defence.

Port Adelaide's dedication and determination have taken them further than most thought possible in so short a time, but even these creditable attributes may find them wanting against the speed and power of Juventus.

Interstate game excites Adelaide

The intense interstate rivalry between SA and Victoria will reach its peak when the neighboring States clash for the seventeenth time at Hindmarsh on Saturday afternoon.

Since the inception of SA-Victoria games in 1925, each State has won seven matches with two games drawn.

SA has a slight goal-average advantage having scored 34 goals to Victoria's 33.

The recent success of Adelaide club sides over Melbourne teams has sent SA's prestige soaring.

The SA selectors have chosen the entire squad which played against Sparta Prague except Frank Balter, who has not yet appeared for Budapest because of a transfer dispute.

Although the SA team had not been announced at press time, my guess is that three players, Ritchie Hamence, Eugene Novak and John Glen, will be chosen to represent the State for the first time.

The South Australian team is likely to be this: Romanowicz; Marusic; Hamence; Worthington,

Novak, West; Cruz, McColl, Typek, Perin, Glen. Reserves: Fedczyszyn, Burdett, Pantelis.

With five players from the Victorian State squad taking part in the Ampol Cup Final this Friday, and perhaps the celebrations after the game, it's on the cards that none of the five — High, Cook and Randles of Slavia and Abonyi and Taylor of Melbourne — will be risked for Victoria's match with South Australia in Adelaide the following day.

Victoria therefore will not be in a position of playing South Australia with anything like their strongest side.

Probable Victorian XI: Young (Slavia) Keith (Hakoah), John O'Neill (Hakoah) Micic (JUST) Roussis (Hellas) Anderson (Hellas) Adlam (Croatia) McMeechan (Croatia) Norman, (Juventus) Kato-lik (Polonia) Stankovic (JUST).

SA visitors

West Adelaide Hellas go to Melbourne this weekend to play two games at Middle Park.

On Sunday they face South Melbourne Hellas while on the Monday holiday afternoon they play George Cross.

South Melbourne Hellas, the 1966 State League champions, will select their team to meet South Australia's 1966 League champions from the following players:

Wenzl, Litopoulos, Kelly, Mantrakes, Margarities, Roussis, Bedford, Pygrolis, Kamboropoulos, Kokinos, Anderson, Ackerley, Hagecostas, Damanaikos.

HAKOAH BEATEN

A superb second half which realised four brilliant goals gave Adelaide Juventus a 5-1 win over Melbourne Hakoah at Hindmarsh last Saturday night.

Hakoah's neat precision play gained them an early mid-field advantage but most of their attacks ended on the edge of the penalty area where Johnny Perin and Peter West held sway with uncanny interceptions.

The Dockerty Cup holders took the initiative after seven minutes when Murney headed home from a corner kick.

Juventus levelled a minute from half time when ex-AC Milan junior Meneghetti beat Walker with a sizzling 25-yard drive.

Portuguese flyer Cruz followed with a sensational first time shot which scraped the inside edge of the post before going in.

The goal provided Juventus with the inspiration they needed and for the next 33 minutes they swept Hakoah off their feet with a brand of power soccer that had to be seen to be believed.

Despite the merciless thrashing, Hakoah revealed themselves as a classy combination.

The Victorians obviously missed Ian Monan at centre and were unlucky to lose Dutch international Dick Van Alphen, through injury, early in the second half.

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THE "BATTLE FOR THE CRICKET GROUND" ISN'T QUITE OVER YET

We feel it is our duty to fully inform our readers of what actually happened last week, preceding and following the first stage of what may soon be known as the "Battle for the Cricket Ground".

In order to give you all the pertinent facts, we publish various documents — letters and statements — in this unhappy case.

The first salvo was fired — extremely peacefully and in the most civilised manner — by the Australian Soccer Federation on February 6.

That day secretary Ian McAndrew wrote to Mr. J.K. Sharpe, secretary of the Sydney Cricket & Sports Ground Trust, GPO Box 150, Sydney.

The relevant parts of his letter were:

"On behalf of the Executive of the Australian Soccer Federation and in association with our Member, the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs, we wish to make herewith a special application to your Trustees for the use of Sydney Cricket Ground No. 1 on Sunday, 28th May, 1967, for the staging of an International Soccer fixture, Australia versus Scotland.

"There are, in the case of Scotland's visit to Australia, very special circumstances necessitating our application to your Trustees for the use of Sydney Cricket Ground No. 1 on this Sunday date and we trust in the light of such circumstances our special application will receive favourable consideration.

No time

"The special circumstances to which we refer are:—

"The Scotland party, which will include the President and Secretary of the Scottish Football Association, will only arrive in Sydney from Hong Kong on Saturday morning, 27th May, and therefore would be unable to participate that day.

"The Scotland team will remain in Australia for one week only during which time it is scheduled to play 3 Test Matches, one each in Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne. The touring party departs from Melbourne for New Zealand on June 4, 1967. Sunday, 28th May, 1967, is therefore the only suitable day available to enable the 1st Test Match to be adequately staged in Sydney.

"All three Test Matches are listed with the World Soccer body, FIFA, as 'A' Internationals, the highest category, and as no 'A' Internationals have previously been held in Australia it is considered all Test Matches will attract considerable interest.

"A paying crowd in excess of 40,000 is conservatively anticipated for the Sydney Test Match and Sydney Cricket Ground No 1 is therefore the only ground in Sydney capable of accommodating such numbers. It is of course anticipated that many Members of the Sydney Cricket Ground would attend also.

"The Australian Soccer Federation has already resolved that no application would be approved for the telecast of the fixture in question, either direct locally, or by coaxial cable.

"The Australian Soccer Federation would further agree to rental terms of 12½% of the gross gate receipts, plus charges, with a guaranteed minimum rental of \$400. "As mentioned to you dur-

ing our recent telephone conversation, endeavours were made to have the Scotland party arrive in Sydney one day earlier. Confirmation was, however, received from Scotland only on Friday last informing us that due to Hong Kong engagements their arrival in Sydney could be no earlier than Saturday morning, 27th May, 1967, and for which they are holding confirmed seats on Qantas Flight 277 for that day.

Exception

"Finally, your Trustees may be assured that it would not be the normal intention of the Australian Soccer Federation to seek Sunday fixtures on Sydney Cricket Ground No. 1, but in view of the importance of the fixture in question, and in view of the exceptional circumstances in this case, the Trust's favourable consideration to this application would be very much appreciated."

On February 27, Mr. Sharpe sent this reply:

"We acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, requesting use of the Sydney Cricket Ground No. 1 on Sunday 28th May, 1967, for the purpose of playing a fixture Australia v. Scotland.

"In response, I am directed to advise that after consideration the Trustees are not prepared to make Sydney Cricket Ground No. 1 available for use on Sunday 28th May, 1967, as requested, and accordingly regret they cannot accede to your request.

"In the above connection I direct your attention to our verbal advice, which are to the effect that the Trust is opposed in general principle to the use of the Sydney Cricket Ground No. 1 on Sundays, and intimate that the exceptional circumstances which applied on the only occasion on which the Ground has been so used, do not apply on this occasion."

On March 1, the Australian Soccer Federation issued the following statement signed by vice president Jim Bayutti and secretary Ian McAndrew:

"The Australian Soccer Federation is bitterly disappointed at the decision of the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust to refuse permission for the use of the Sydney Cricket Ground on Sunday, May 28, 1967, for the international fixture Australia against Scotland.

Not earnest

"We are disappointed as it would appear that the Trust have not given due and earnest consideration to the special circumstances necessitating our request for this Sunday date as set out in our application.

"The Trust was clearly informed that it was not the normal intention of the Australian Soccer Federation to seek Sunday fixtures on Sydney Cricket Ground but in view of the importance and prestige connected with the fixture, and because of the circumstances which are genuinely exceptional, it was necessary on this occasion to seek the use of that ground.

"Scotland are undertaking a tour of Far East Asia and Australasia at their own ex-

pense and Australia is most fortunate in having been asked to play three matches against such an important international side. Their last fixture before coming to Australia is in Hong Kong and due to their fixture commitments there the Scottish team cannot arrive in Sydney until Saturday morning, May 27, 1967, making it completely impracticable for them to participate in a match that day. The Scottish team will be leaving from Melbourne for New Zealand on Sunday, June 4, 1967, after playing the second match in Adelaide on Wednesday, May 31, and the third match in Melbourne on Saturday, June 3, 1967.

"The Scotland v. Australia matches have already been listed with FIFA, the world body controlling soccer, as 'A' internationals — the first category — and already the Sydney public is showing an unprecedented demand for tickets as compared with previous tours by leading British club sides. Letters applying for tickets, personal visits and telephone calls from the general public are being received daily by the Australian Soccer Federation, not only from the metropolitan area but from country centres also. A group of 86 persons have already arranged a charter flight from Brisbane; so much for the interest.

"We are, therefore, left with little alternative but to bitterly protest, on behalf of the public of Sydney, at the Trust's decision on this occasion.

Rights denied

"One of the prime concerns of the Australian Soccer Federation is to enable the citizens of Sydney to have an opportunity to attend international events and surely it is the right of our community to enjoy the best facilities available for such a fixture.

"The Australia v. Scotland match is the first ever true, full international of this calibre to have been played in Sydney, and we are dismayed that large sections of the Sydney public, by the Trust's decision, may be denied the opportunity to see the fixture.

"There are in the Sydney metropolitan area, Newcastle and Wollongong, some 75,000 amateur and junior players, the vast majority of whom participate in their local competitions on Saturday afternoons. Parents of these players must also be considered.

"It is impossible for the Australian Soccer Federation to consider an alternative venue as there is no other ground in Sydney capable of accommodating an anticipated crowd exceeding 50,000.

"Soccer is as much entitled to accommodate its crowds as is Rugby League. Whilst we do not for one moment suspect the Trust of being biased towards Rugby League, or biased against soccer, we are sadly disappointed to learn that a group of persons, including many sportsmen, appointed by the NSW Government, do not appear to consider as part of their policy the furtherance of international relationships through sport.

"We are completely mystified why sportsmen on the Trust, such as Mr. W.G. Buckley whom we know personally, do not appear to have

supported a fixture of a football code which at international level is the largest football code in the world today.

"To have given the use of Sydney Cricket Ground to Rugby League for a Sunday club match in 1966 but to deny it to soccer for a first class international fixture is unjust, and would appear to be discrimination against our code.

"It remains, of course, with the Australian Soccer Federation to apologise to the Scottish Football Association and to FIFA, the world body, on behalf of the Trust for the fact that Scotland are not able to play on the only suitable ground in New South Wales.

Bitter protest

"It is disappointing too, from the Australian national team's viewpoint, that it is denied from playing, when in its home country, in Sydney's main arena particularly when during its tour of Asia in 1965 it played international fixtures in some of the world's best stadiums.

"In recording our bitter disappointment we must protest to the Premier of New South Wales and to the Lord Mayor of Sydney for what appears to be an inconsistency in the Trust's decisions with regard to Sunday fixtures.

"The Australian Soccer Federation will ask the Premier of New South Wales and the Minister of Lands to conduct an inquiry into the methods and standards used by the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust in determining what exceptional circumstances must exist before a Sunday fixture can be permitted.

"The Australian Soccer Federation controls an international sport in Australia for not only Australians but for the tens of thousands of new settlers from Britain and other countries and as such we expect to receive the recognition we do in other State capitals.

Build ground

"In 1968 and 1969, the elimination rounds of the 1970 World Cup will start and it is not unlikely that Australia will be called upon to undertake some fixtures in Sydney. In view of the Trust's decision on this occasion it is only reasonable to expect the Australian Soccer Federation to be informed now of the Government's future policy as such must necessarily be made aware to the World Soccer body, FIFA.

"It is evident, if the citizens of Sydney are to be continually denied the use of the Sydney Cricket Ground on appropriate occasions, that the New South Wales Government must give immediate consideration to the development in Sydney of an adequate football and athletic stadium of world standard. Otherwise it is not unreasonable to assume that in the future the majority of major international sporting events in Australia may be staged in Melbourne."

As we go to press, there are some indications that the Trust "may reconsider its decision".

And there the battle rests.

EDITORIAL

LET'S FIGHT THESE SPORT BIGOTS

Last week the elected and appointed representatives of this mighty and proud State committed one of the worst blunders of their career.

By their high-handed refusal to let soccer have the Cricket Ground for the Australia v. Scotland full international match they stand guilty and convicted of shocking bias and discrimination.

Let us not fool ourselves any longer: soccer, in the eyes of some higher ups in this country, is still a dirty word.

To them it's not the world's greatest and most popular sport — which in fact it is — but is synonymous with foreigners, over publicised riots and, alas, a clear threat to rugby.

This being so, they do everything in their power — or beyond — to stifle the natural growth of soccer in this State.

Soccer is being discriminated against at all levels of this community, from primary convent schools through the GPS school system, most of the mass communication media, local councils and now, even the Government's representatives.

And it's becoming mighty sickening. It appears that they cynically adopt the saying that "we are all equal — but some are more equal than others."

Let's make something clear for once and for all.

Soccer is NOT a foreign game, NOT merely the pastime of some peculiar foreigners.

It is an English-invented sport that has spread right around the world and now proudly claims more adherents than all the other sports combined.

This may sound incredible to rugby league converts.

Last Friday the Sporting Editor of "The Australian", Gary Machon, remarked in his column, while condemning the Cricket Ground Trust's action:

"Rugby League, played in NSW, Queensland, Lancashire, Yorkshire, New Zealand and the south of France, is a minnow among whales compared with soccer on a world basis."

Yet soccer in this country has to beg and cajole just to be treated fairly, let alone favorably.

The Trust's arrogant action was the last straw that broke the camel's back.

We are NOT going to take more insults lying down, shutting up just to be good fellows.

We demand fair and equitable treatment for soccer; we don't want more and we won't take less.

Nobody has ever had soccer pushed down his throat in this State — unlike some other football codes — and nobody has to play or watch our game against his will.

But those who want to do so, must have their right respected and guaranteed.

From now on we declare open war on all the sports bigots of this State, be they sportsmasters, aldermen or trustees.

We will report every single case of unjust anti-soccer act, every single piece of discrimination that comes to our knowledge.

We ask the help of our readers and everybody connected with soccer.

Tell us of any discriminatory case you know, giving us the plain facts; we will promptly investigate it and, if warranted, report it.

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ROUND THE WORLD

"Challenge" Cup for under-23s

The UEFA, Europe's governing soccer body, is planning a "Challenge" Cup for Europe's under-23 teams. The Cup will be modelled on tennis' Davis Cup. At the end of this year two countries will be drawn from a hat and the winner will become the Cup's first holder. Next year all the other teams will meet each other in KO matches with the survivor challenging the holder, like in the Davis Cup. So far 13 countries have entered: Norway, Italy, Poland, Malta, Spain, France, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Bulgaria, East Germany, Austria, Holland and Denmark.

Asian Youth Tournament

The ninth Asian Youth Tournament will be staged in Bangkok, Thailand, from April 15 to April 27. The following 12 countries are competing: Philippines, Malaysia, South Vietnam, Israel, Japan, Burma, South Korea, Singapore, Indonesia, Ceylon, Hong Kong, Thailand. Last year's winners, Israel, are favored to retain the title. Their most serious challengers are expected to be the 1966 runners-up, South Korea, and Japan and Burma.

Yugoslavia's best on view

Belgrade is to stage a match between Yugoslav stars playing abroad and locally-based players in the near future as a selection trial for coming international matches. The "foreign team" is likely to be: Radenkovic, (Munich 1860); Jusufi (Eintracht Frankfurt); Vasovic (Ajax); Durkovic (Moenchengladbach); Perusic (Munich 1860); Bena (Hannover); Samardze (FC Twente); Kovacevic (Nantes); Galic (Standard Liege); Sekularac (Karlsruhe); Skoblar (Marseille). The "local" Yugoslav XI will be: Pantelic; Kuzi; Rasovic; Jetic; Melic; Bercejac; Lazarevic; Trivic; Zambata, Hasanajic, Djazic.

Herrera boss of Italy

Inter Milan's Helenio Herrera has now officially been appointed coach of the Italian national team. His assistant will be Ferruccio Valcareggi, Italy's interim coach after the demise of Fabbri. Italy's first match under Herrera will be on March 22 in Nicosia against Cyprus in the European Nations' Cup. Herrera has coached national teams before. In 1948 he coached France against Italy and in 1962 he was in charge of Spain's World Cup squad in Chile.

Penarol on the skids

Penarol, the unofficial champion club team of the world by virtue of their Intercontinental Cup win last year against Real Madrid, have had a very lean time since winning the coveted trophy. The Uruguayans have only won three of the 10 international club friendlies they've played since Real Madrid. Last week they also lost a competitive match when beaten 1-2 by Ecuador's Barcelona Guayaquil in a second round match of the South American Champions' Cup.

Referee accused

The latest Italian soccer scandal concerns famous referee Lo Bello who was accused by right-wing parties in Parliament of having accumulated a private fortune through "dubious means" as a referee. Now Lo Bello has asked the Italian FA (FIGC) and the Olympic Federation (CONI) to investigate — and clear him.

Inter Milan v. Real Madrid 2-0

The fabulous Inter Milan have done it again! They reached the semifinals of the European Champions' Cup with a great 2-0 victory over Real Madrid, the defending champions, in the return leg of their quarterfinal tie in Madrid. Inter only won the first leg 1-0 at home and were expected by most people to lose at least by the odd goal in Madrid and play a third match on neutral ground. Inter, however, adopted exactly the same tactics that carried them through against Torpedo Moscow and Vasas in earlier rounds when they had also won very narrowly in Milan. In Madrid the Italians played a magnificent defensive game, operating with only two forwards. The Italians attacked only five times, yet scored two goals (Cappellini and Suarez) while Real Madrid's countless attacks were frustrated by the cool Inter defence.

Rangers of Glasgow have officially informed new Scotland manager Bobby Brown that they are happy to release any of their players for the Scotland team on its world tour between May 13 and June 14.

● Pat Dunne of Manchester United has been transferred to Plymouth Argyle, whose coach is Derek Upton.

● It will cost the FIFA-affiliated North American Soccer League an estimated \$700,000 to organize its international series which will include among others, Real Madrid, Eintracht Frankfurt, Rangers, Benfica and Liverpool this year.

● Heinz Helbig, Konrad Beiger and Joachim Puels have disappeared without a trace from West German regional club, FC Bayer Hof. They are suspected to have packed up and left for the USA.

● Ney, Corinthians Sao Paulo's Brazilian international centre-forward, has been transferred to Vasco de Gama (Rio).

● Overath, the FC Koln forward, played his 25th international match against Morocco two weeks ago. Only 16 West German players have been capped 25 times or more. Uwe Seeler holds the record with 55 international appearances in a career spanning 13 years.

● Nantes seem to have lost their three-year grip on the French First Division title. With seven rounds to go they trail St. Etienne by three points.

● Stan Mortensen, England's former "Golden Boy," has been appointed manager of the ailing Blackpool, currently languishing at the foot of the English First Division.

● English club Birmingham City are hoping to tour Red China this year. If the tour falls through they will play in Russia instead.

● Florian Albert is the new captain of Ferencvaros in Hungary.

● Blackpool's England international goalkeeper Tony Waiters plans to retire at the end of April.

● Austria will play its first international against Greece under new coach-manager Erwin Alge.

● Ian Ure, the Arsenal defender, is out of action for three weeks. He collided with team-mate Terry O'Neill in the FA Cup replay against Bolton Wanderers, breaking his chin and losing four teeth.

● Karl Odermatt, captain of FC Basel who toured Australia in 1964, may soon join a French club, probably Lyon.

● Santos will transfer forwards Abel and Dorval to Vasco de Gama in exchange for stopper Brito.

● The municipality of Oxford has offered to sell Oxford United some land interest-free for the construction of a new stadium. The club's present home ground can only accommodate 18,000 spectators and hasn't been modernised since 1949.

● St. Trond, the Belgian club which beat glamor team Anderlecht 1-0 two weeks ago, have been fined \$2,500 for their supporters' consistent misbehaviour since the start of the season.

● West Bromwich Albion have paid \$60,000 for the transfer of Bury defender Eddie Colquhoun. The club has also signed Bobby Collins, the 38-year-old Scottish international from Leeds.

● FIFA may appoint Prince Rainier of Monaco as its honorary president in appreciation of the interest he takes in promoting soccer in Europe.

● West Germany beat Morocco 5-1 at Karlsruhe. Germany's goals were scored by Ulsass (2), Zadzky, Heynckes and Loehr. The lone Moroccan goal was netted by Bouassa.

● Santos beat Universidad Catolica 6-2, Vasas drew 3-3 with Penarol and Universidad Chile beat Penarol 2-1 in Santiago Hexagonal Tournament matches.

● The USSR Olympic team beat Japan's Asian Games XI 3-1 at Kyoto in front of 40,000 spectators in the second match of the Russians' Japanese tour. The third and final match of the tour, against the same opponents, ended in a 0-0 draw in Tokyo.

● Voronin scored the only goal when Russia beat AS Roma 1-0 in Rome last week. Two days later Fiorentina beat the USSR 1-0 in Florence.

● Artur Jorge of Academica is leading Eusebio by one goal in the Portuguese goalscoring competition.

SCOREBOARD

EUROPEAN CUP: Real Madrid v. Inter Milan 0-2 (Madrid); Vojvodina v. Celtic 1-0 (Novisad); Ajax v. Dukla Prague 1-1 (Amsterdam); Linfield v. CSKA Sofia 2-2 (Belfast).

CUP-WINNERS' CUP: Rangers v. Zaragoza 2-0 (Glasgow).

AUSTRIA: Wiener SK v. LASK 3-2; Austria Wien v. GAK 1-1; Admira Energie v. Wacker Innsbruck 3-1; Kapfenberg v. Rapid 0-3; Sturm Graz v. Wacker Wien 4-0; Bregenz v. Wiener Neustadt 1-0; Klagenfurt v. Vienna 0-2.

FRANCE: Rennes v. Nimes 3-0; Rouen v. Toulouse 0-2; Strasbourg v. Reims 5-0; Monaco v. Valenciennes 2-2; Marseille v. Angers 1-1; Lens v. Sochaux 1-1; Bordeaux v. Nice 1-1; Sedan v. St. Etienne 1-0; Nantes v. Stade Paris 3-0; Lyon v. Lille 0-1.

HUNGARY: Csepel v. Pecs 0-0; Tatabanya v. Győr 2-2; Újpest v. Salgotarjan 2-0; Ferencvaros v. Diosgyor 3-2; Dunaujvaros v. Vasas 1-0; Eger v. MTK 0-2; Szeged v. Szombathely 0-0; Komlo v. Honved 2-0.

ITALY: Inter Milan v. Brescia 3-0; Fiorentina v.

Cagliari 1-0; Foggia v. Juventus 0-0; Bologna v. Lecco 2-1; Milan AC v. Vicenza 2-0; Lazio v. AS Roma 0-0; Napoli v. Venezia 4-0; Spal v. Atalanta 1-0; Torino v. Mantova 2-0.

SPAIN: Sabadell v. Las Palmas 1-1; Hercules v. Real Madrid 0-2; Atletico Madrid v. Elche 5-2; Barcelona v. Zaragoza 2-1; Valencia v. Espanol 2-1; Bilbao v. Sevilla 6-0; Cordoba v. Pontevedra 1-0; Coruna v. Granada 2-1.

WEST GERMANY: Munich 1860 v. Hamburger SV 2-0; FC Nurnberg v. Bayern Munchen 0-1; Werder Bremen v. Borussia Dortmund 2-1; FC Koln v. Kaiserslautern 2-1; Rotweiss Essen v. Fortuna Dusseldorf 0-4; Braunschweig v. Schalke 04 1-0; Moenchengladbach v. Hannover 96 2-0; VfB Stuttgart v. MSV Duisburg 1-3; Eintracht Frankfurt v. Karlsruhe 5-1.

YUGOSLAVIA: Partizan v. Radnicki 5-1; Dinamo Zagreb v. OFK Belgrade 1-0; Sutjeska v. Sarajevo 2-3; Hajduk v. Zagreb 2-1; Velez v. Olimpija 3-1; Vardar v. Vojvodina 2-1; Zeljeznicar v. Rijeka 2-0; Celik v. Red Star 0-1.

Amigos don't go-go-go

The recent South American championship, won by Uruguay, was a flop. Many countries sent only their second teams as the stars were needed by their clubs for friendlies. Most of the early matches drew very poor gates and the record was a mere 343 people at the Paraguay v. Venezuela and Chile v. Bolivia double-header. All matches were staged at Montevideo.

Vasas ride high

With one match to play, Vasas of Hungary shared the lead with Santos of Brazil in the Santiago hexagonal tourney. In their last match Vasas played a 3-3 draw against Penarol of Uruguay, last year's unofficial world club champions.

Asian Champions' Cup

Teams from only eight countries will contest the first Asian Champions' Cup: Israel, Iran, India, Thailand, Malaysia, South Vietnam, Hong Kong and South Korea. The Israeli champion, Hapoel Tel Aviv, will play against the Iranian champion in the first round while the Indian representative and the South Korean Tungsten Mining Company team will automatically go to the semifinals without playing. The other four teams: Bangkok Bank, Selangor, Vietnam Customs and South China Athletic (Hong Kong) will meet in a round-robin in Hong Kong. The preliminary rounds must be completed by July 31 this year, the semis by September 30, and the final will be played on November 30, 1967.

Bela Guttmann sacked

Bela Guttmann has been sacked by Servette Geneva, the club he joined in November 1966. The Hungarian-born coach has been blamed for the club's poor results since he took over from Roger Vonlanthen. Guttmann's inability to speak French and his age (70) were other reasons that led to his demise. Guttmann is now likely to give away coaching altogether. According to some he should have done just that last year when Benfica, his last club, failed to win a single honor.

Hungarian season starts

The 16 First Division Hungarian clubs, whose season kicked off last Sunday, acquired 152 new players during the off-season. Many coaches too have changed clubs. Baroti coaches Ujpest, Hidegkuti his former club, MTK, and Ferencvaros' new coach is Karoly Lakat. Gustav Sebes will be the technical advisor of Tatabanya whose coach is the youthful Laszlo Hari. Hungary's new First Division teams are: Szeged, Eger, Komlo and Szombathely.

Rio clubs broke

Brazilian clubs are on the verge of bankruptcy. The crisis has been precipitated by dramatically reduced attendances. Rio is particularly hard hit as the devastating floods have made thousands homeless and penniless. People have other things on their minds than soccer and crowds are down some 40 per cent on last season. The Rio clubs want the Government to increase admission charges to the Maracana Stadium. Admission charges are ridiculously low as the most expensive seat costs 40 cents. Cheapest accommodation in the giant stadium is 10 cents. Rio clubs have asked the State to raise the charges to a minimum of 30 cents and a maximum of \$1 for a grandstand seat. Since the Government is unlikely to take such a step when 500,000 Cariocas are homeless, the clubs will have to tighten their belts and suffer in silence.

East German leaders unbeaten

Karlmarxstadt have set a new East German record. They are undefeated after the first 15 weeks of the championship (seven draws and eight wins). Karlmarxstadt have a four-point lead over Lokomotiv Leipzig. Last year's champions, Vorwaerts Berlin, are only fourth at the moment, six points behind the leaders. Gera and Dynamo Berlin, the only East German teams coached by foreigners, occupy the last two places on the table.

World Cup bonanza

FIFA last week released the official World Cup gate takings. Gross takings at the gate in England last July was £2,047,615 sterling. An all-time World Cup record aggregate of 1,614,677 spectators passed through the turnstiles. This means that the grounds in England were filled by 78.8 per cent. Nearly half of the total attendance was made up of Wembley crowds (760,911 spectators) where England played all its matches. The nett profit once expenses have been deducted will be £sterling 1,320,789, to be divided between the 16 competing teams, FIFA and the English FA.

Yugoslavs ban export

At the strong recommendation of new team manager Mitic, the Yugoslav FA in future will refuse to let first division players go abroad. At present about 100 top Yugoslavs play in all parts of the world.

● Turkey beat Eire 2-1 in a European Nations' Cup match in Istanbul last Wednesday week.

● Eintracht Frankfurt, Penarol Montevideo, Racing Buenos Aires and Fluminense will take part in the annual Rio de Janeiro tournament in July.

● Hungary will meet Yugoslavia at the Budapest Neptadion on April 23.

● Bologna have declared that for a modest sum they are prepared to let their German star Helmut Haller go. The fee: about \$600,000!

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

FLAMENGO, champions of Rio de Janeiro in 1965 and 1966 are seeking a tour of the Far East and Australasia in April-May this year. The Brazilians' match fee is \$7,000. They also require hotel expenses for 24 people. A Brazilian agent, Jose da Gama, is trying to book them into Hong Kong, Japan and Australia. The ASF, however, is already committed with Scotland and Manchester United and can't fit the Brazilian aces into their tight international calendar.

The younger brother of Croatia fullback BRIAN LINCOLN will soon join the club. Lincoln jnr., a professional in England, will migrate to Australia with his wife.

BRIAN STELLING, captain of Manly last season, has been ordered by his doctor not to play this year. Stelling had hepatitis during the off season.

First Division Amateur Inter-Suburban team **MARRICKVILLE** thrashed **NTH. SYDNEY INTER** 4-0 in their first trial match of the season. In other amateur trials two weeks ago **ENMORE** walloped **ARNCLIFFE** SCOTS 8-3 and **BELMORE** All-Age 15-2. Last weekend Marrickville beat **EAST SIDE-MTK** 9-2, Enmore defeated **PENRITH** 7-2 and **BELMORE** beat **GREEN-ACRE** 6-5.

APIA's acting chairman, **VIC CAPELETTI**, this week denied a Melbourne report that Dutch winger **WILLEM KERKLAAN**, was listed for transfer. Kerklaan has, in fact, re-signed with **APIA**.

ST. GEORGE-BUDAPEST defeated **MELITA EAGLES** 4-0 in a Gala Day "friendly" match at Francis Park, Blacktown, last Sunday. David Cliss scored twice before being replaced at half time, while Saints' new Scottish signing, Frank McColgan, got one of the other two goals. In the early matches Blacktown United reserves beat Villawood 2-1 and Blacktown firsts beat Villawood firsts 5-1.

JOE MARSTON has been appointed fulltime coach of Second Division **WESTERN SUBURBS**. He will take over on March 15 and he will spend roughly 10 hours a day coaching schools and juniors in the district as well as the Wests' firsts and seconds and the NSW squad.

COL FREEMAN, the Manly winger, has married Miss Elizabeth Zee.

ALICK JEFFREY has asked Doncaster Rovers to give him a free transfer.

JOHNNY GALAMBOS, the former St. George and Croatia star centre-forward, served as a juror for the first time this week at the King Street Court. Galambos has been a naturalized Australian for four years.

The grandstand at **LAMBERT PARK** this season will be reserved exclusively for **APIA's** paying members. A few extra tiers of new seats are expected to be constructed in time for **APIA's** first home match, against Yugal, on Saturday, April 1.

RAY PEARCE, the former leading NSW referee, will again coach **GLADESVILLE-HORNSBY's** junior representative teams this season. The district last year produced many talented players, five of whom joined Prague in 1967: Phil Wilcox, Rod Cook, Chris Hill, Joe Dickinson and Bob McDougall. The following players from last year's Under-16 team have joined Hornsby-North End this season: Phil Partridge, Peter Jones, Phil Axcentheff, John Barber and David Barber.

Polonia-NS so far have five firm competition dates at **NORTH SYDNEY OVAL**. They are on April 2 (St. George-Budapest), April 16 (Pan Hellenic), April 30 (Prague), May 13 (Cumberland) and June 3 (Canterbury). The club is also hoping to play their match against **Melita Eagles** at North Sydney.

Croatia's popular trainer, **BRUNO GALLO**, will fly by **Alitalia** for a six-month holiday to Italy with his wife and son on March 18.

Former Hakoah wing half **DAVID EDWARDS** has joined Dover, a Southern League club in England.

First Division Polish players **RICHARD SKIBA** and **STAN MINOL** will arrive on March 17 to join **Polonia-North Side**.

Prague last week signed the former Corinthians half-back, **TOMMY HILL**. The ginger-haired Englishman made his debut last Sunday against **Polonia-NS**. Prague's new boy acquitted himself fairly well despite the misfortune of scoring an own goal in the 15th minute.

MEL CLARKE of **St. George-Budapest** went back on transfer at \$1400. If he cannot join another club he intends to return to New Zealand.

APIA's star Argentinian import, **LUIS RIVERO**, has now been issued with a visa and will arrive in Sydney in two weeks.

NIGEL SHEPHERD, the Slavia-Melbourne fullback, saw his first Sydney match at Wentworth Park last Sunday. He flew back to Melbourne to play for Slavia in the Victorian Ampol Cup final this weekend but will settle permanently in Sydney next week. Croatia are rumored to

have approached the Australian World Cup star.

St. George-Budapest may sign two newly arrived young Welshmen, both of whom migrated to Australia a few weeks ago, unsponsored and unheralded. They are **ELVED PRICE** and **HUGH JONES**, both 23. Price played with the crack Isthmian League club **Hendon** as a forward while Jones was with an amateur club in the Liverpool district. Both have physical education diplomas.

Prague's new Argentinian forward, **RAUL HECTOR BLANCO**, 24, comes with excellent credentials. He played with Lanus, in the First Division of Argentina and earlier played for the Argentine "B" team — "B" there indicating a Second Division representative side. He also had a trial with the famous Penarol of Uruguay. Blanco plays either at inside forward or wing half.

Former Ku-ring-gai official **COL SCOTT KEMMIS** has taken over as secretary of Ku-ring-gai's Third Division Inter-Suburban club, with the aim of seeing the district at last well represented in higher class football.

BILL ENGLEFIELD, soccer enthusiast and former NSW batsman, is the leading light behind **Hornsby North End's** proposed soccer club. His son has been a regular Hornsby player. The club has submitted ground development plans to Hornsby Council, and anticipates spending \$290,000 in two main stages before the area already purchased is properly developed.

BRIAN LINCOLN's wife gave birth to a baby boy last week.

The **ARCE** farce... A national newspaper reported last week that **Fullone Arce**, the Argentinian who was supposed to have joined **APIA**, is playing with Monaco in the French First Division. A careful check of Monaco's team of the last few weeks reveals that this isn't true. According to latest rumors, however, **Arce** is playing in a First Division French team — but stop checking the lists: he is appearing under a false name.

IAN BEATON has been elected secretary of the **Belambi Soccer Club** for 1967. Other officials elected were: President, S. Gill; Senior Vice-President, B. Edwards; Junior Vice-Presidents, R. Furlong and N. Arrowsmith; Assistant Secretary, I. Beaton; Treasurer, B. Weber; Assistant Treasurer, K. Johnston.

BULLI Junior Soccer Club will field eight teams in the Illawarra District Soccer Competitions in 1967. Ages range from under 7s to under 14 years.

APIA defeated **AWABA** of Newcastle 4-1 at Macarthur Park last Saturday. Awaba led 1-0 at halftime. In the second half **APIA's** goals were scored by Nuttall, Watkiss, Kerklaan and Campana.

BRUCE GREEN of Bennett Road, South Granville, a former Granville Kewpies player, was recently killed in action in South Vietnam.

POLONIA-NS have received permission from the ASF

to bring out top Polish club, **ZAGLEBIE**, in January 1968. Zaglebie is the club where their former star forward, **Joe Galeczka**, now plays.

BANKSTOWN defeated **WESTERN SUBURBS** 6-3 in a trial match on their new ground at Stacey Street, Bankstown.

St. George-Budapest officials are happy with the early form of newly arrived Scot, **FRANK MCCOLGAN**. Now with **Victor Fernandez** also due this week, their forward problems may be over.

ERIC ANDERSON, the former Corinthians fullback, has returned to Australia after a spell in England where he played for an amateur team.

Second Division **BALGOWNIE** are pleased with the news that **LEN KELL** may rejoin the club soon. Kell is returning to Australia from England and is still a retained player of the club.

MANLY beat **SUTHERLAND** 2-1 in a trial match last Sunday at Miranda. Sutherland will play **Western Suburbs** at Seymour Shaw Park this weekend.

Yugal have signed 19-year-old goalkeeper from Lokomotiva Zagreb: **MARKO SEPAROVIC**.

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Don't forget the **COACHING ACADEMY** at Marrickville Boys' Club, Jarvey Park, Malakoff Street, Marrickville, starting on March 13, at 7.30 p.m. The Academy will be conducted by the NSW Coaches Federation and will include lectures and demonstrations by top NSW coaches. Fees are \$8.00, payable in advance to Harry Preece, 19 Balliga Avenue, Caringbah (Tel: 524-1966). Successful coaches who pass the examinations will be issued with certificates.

SOUTH COAST UNITED are eager to sign promising 21-year-old inside-right **DENIS WRIGHT** from Newcastle club **Lake Macquarie**. Wright represented Northern NSW against Chelsea and AS Roma and toured New Zealand with Northern NSW in 1965.

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MEN IN BLACK PREPARE FOR SEASON

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

The New South Wales Federation of Soccer Referees has preparations well in hand in organising its officers for the 1967 season.

With an expanded First Division of 12 teams, which means more first grade referees on the field, the Federation is holding a series of lectures, refresher courses and practical field demonstrations to ensure that its men are in top gear from the word go.

First of such lectures was held at Boomerang Park, Ryde on Saturday, February 18.

Apart from being a successful practical experience for the upgraded referees who will make their debut in first class soccer this year, it served to sharpen the alertness of the dedicated ones of past years.

The demonstration also provided the man with the usual black garb with an enjoyable family outing.

Other brief lectures will continue to be held throughout the season at every second meeting of the Federation, where points of doubt and problems that crop up will be discussed and ironed out.

But another refresher course, similar to the one just held, is planned for the middle of the year, sometime in July or August.

Providing good referees is not an easy task but the Federation is doing its utmost to ensure that its officers are well qualified for the job before they take control of play.

The examinations board within the Federation checks all the qualifications

of the referees and tests their abilities in practice. At every match in all divisions Federation inspectors are in attendance who prepare a report on performances. (Repeated bad performances will result in down-grading).

This shows the genuine desire of the Federation to eliminate disturbances and chaos that resulted on odd occasions in past years when bad mistakes were made by the man in

Firm control and good refereeing, apart from being essential, contribute in no small way to the standard of play which will result in good publicity and bigger crowds.

Substantial contributions to this end are being made by the newly elected President of the Federation, Alan W. Halls, who is ably aided by the Secretary Ian Timms.

The Committee of the New South Wales Federation of Soccer Referees elected the annual general meeting is: Alan W. Hall, President; N. Vidler, prior Vice-President; I. Timms, Secretary; L. Smit, Assistant Secretary; N. McHugh, Treasurer.

The appointments board consists of two representatives from the NSW Federation of Soccer Referees, R. Pearce and N. Heland and one representative from the NSW Soccer Federation, A. Henson.



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TIPS FOR TRAINERS

BLISTERS CAN LOSE YOUR STAR PLAYER

By D. Jackson, N.A.T.A. (U.S.A.)

The blister, a common nuisance amongst soccer players, is often passed off as something and nothing, when it should merit close attention by both the player and the trainer.

The typical blister is caused by pressure and friction on a localised area of the foot.

A blister with the subsequent socket of fluid between the inner and outer layers of skin can disable a player.

Blisters can cause mild to severe pain and can also cause infection.

We know that pain can directly affect movement, and we see our player "favoring" to compensate for the pain caused by the blister.

This in turn alters the smooth, skilled movement so essential to powerful and co-ordinated execution of play, so our player's game deteriorates and may produce strains, sprains or more serious injury.

Prevention is better than cure and as the foot is an important part of a player's anatomy, special attention to its care is essential.

Some points to remember:

● Boots should fit properly and any player should be able to get a correct fitting if he will take a little time and care.

● Pre-season issue of boots for gradual break-in

is desirable.

● Most players should wear two pairs of socks.

● Any taping or wrapping must be applied carefully.

● If any reddening of the skin is observed, prompt attention should follow.

Despite all the precautions, we will still strike blisters during training and match play.

But we can help to prevent this by the following procedure.

1. Have the player spray or paint his foot with Tinc Benz Co or better known as Friars Balsam.

2. When dry, which is very quickly, have the player dust his foot with powder.

3. After putting socks on, dust them with powder before putting the boots on.

If a player does complain of a blister, the area should be washed thoroughly with soap and water, followed by the application of an antiseptic solution.

A sharp needle which has been sterilised is used for the puncture of the blister. I personally use a scalpel.

With a special blade for such procedures.

The puncture is made at the side of the blister by inserting the needle parallel to the skin close to the edge of the blister.

A gentle pressure will remove the serum or fluid from the blister, the skin over the blister now acting as a protective cover.

In many cases the blister may have been ruptured, so we must then very carefully cut away the loose skin to prevent the ragged

edges from causing irritation and infection.

Attention to cleanliness cannot be overstressed.

The blister is then dressed by first being painted with antiseptic solution, followed by a gauze dressing, which has been covered with an antiseptic ointment.

Any blister showing signs of irritation or inflammation must be seen by the club physician.

Sutherland's long plan may shorten

By CHARLES SPITERI

Sutherland's three-year plan to elevate the team to First Division has advanced beyond expectations and officials are hoping that the time may be cut by one year.

Under the guidance of coach Franz Wimmer, last year's 18-year-old representative side has been moulded into a team which even the top teams found very hard to beat.

Wimmer came to Sutherland from Melbourne where he had coached the Victorian State team.

For this season, the Sutherland committee has decided to infuse the youth and talent of the side with much needed experience.

So they embarked on acquiring some experienced players that will blend Sutherland into one of the best sides of the Second Division.

Negotiations are already completed with Prague for the transfer of Ken Hiron, the right fullback and the club has already signed Brian Senior from Canterbury.

Summer training

Training in the Sutherland camp continued during the summer months, as Franz Wimmer with the assistance of his team manager Mick Elasi worked hard to have the best conditioned and fittest team in the competition, right from the start.

On this basis and on recent good results in friendlies against other teams in the same division, it's easy to understand that the high hopes held by club officials may come true.

But the work does not stop with the first team only, and the coach has already taken over most of the under-16 representative side to form the basis of the reserve grade team.

So in keeping with other Sydney clubs such as Prague, Canterbury,

Croatia, Granville and many others, Sutherland is concentrating on youth with a blend of experience.

The team is backed all the way by the Sutherland Junior Association which, in turn, is financially supported by a well appointed licensed club, Sutherland Soccer Club Ltd.

During the summer, substantial improvements have been carried out at their home ground, Seymour Shaw Park, Miranda.

The playing area has been well grassed and the recently built kiosk was equipped to serve hot foods.

The Sutherland squad will consist of:

Goalies: P. Gray, G. Smith; fullbacks: K. Hiron, G. Shrubsole, R. Rattenbury, R. McNery; linkmen: B. Senior, A. Griffiths, W. Moore; forwards: S. Cucitti, P. Cucitti, B. David, P. Whitman, R. Caulfield, R. O'Brien, C. Gregorus.

LEAD CLUBS NOT INTO TEMPTATION...

With time running out fast, we urge the NSW Federation to change the rule allowing field players to be replaced until half time in competition matches.

We have reason to believe that this rule will be used by some clubs to abuse another new rule, stipulating the inclusion of three Australians in each team.

In the past we always supported every move to allow injured players being replaced.

We still do. But we feel the replacement rule should not be introduced at the same time when the quota-rule comes into operation.

Actually, the two legislations were introduced and accepted quite separately.

At the time nobody thought that they would clash.

However, it seems certain now that several clubs will use the replacement rule to beat the quota-stipulation of the Federation.

What they plan to do is to send in a team with the minimum of three Australian players — then order two of these off, "injured," and replace them with anybody.

If this is allowed to happen, Sydney soccer will be the laughing stock of Australian sport.

Let's have a replacement clause by all means — but not just now, when we are trying to make the quota-rule work.

The danger is clearly that some clubs will use one rule to beat the other — and this can't be allowed to happen.

SECOND DIVISION IS HOTTING UP

By ALAN SPEERS

Feverish activities characterise the preparation of most Second Division clubs for the 1967 season.

Despite predictions to the contrary, the Second Division may once again provide a tense battle for promotion.

These are the latest reports from some clubs:

WESTERN SUBURBS:

Joe Marston may make a surprise return to the playing field with progressive Western Suburbs this season.

He will be guided by the early progress of the young Wests team, before deciding definitely whether to pull on a player's jersey again.

Ex-Sydney Austral player, Leo Bosklopper, has been appointed assistant coach, under Marston.

LANE COVE:

Ex-Chelsea player, Phil Smith, has been appointed senior coach of Lane Cove United, promoted with Manly from the Inter-suburban League.

Smith, who had coaching experience in England before coming to Australia, replaces Ray Neal, tragically killed in a car accident late last year.

Lane Cove's promotion-winning team has been strengthened by the signing of several experienced players in the off-season.

Facilities at Pottery Green, the ground Lane Cove shares with a local baseball team, have been improved by the construction of a new amenities building — expected to be ready in time for the new season.

MANLY:

Archie Harris, Manly's utility forward, is recovering well from a cartilage operation.

Described by club secretary, Alan Bush, as a "key man" in Manly's line-up, Harris has started light training and expects to be fit for the opening round on March 26.

Manly will play a Newcastle club in a trial match at Gosford, on March 19.

CORINTHIANS:

Corinthians, in and out of the First Division several times in recent years, have officially discarded their policy of "importing" English players.

They will rely instead on local products, and have a large squad of boys training hard at Trumper Park, Paddington, on Wednesday and Friday nights.

Though all their training is being done at Trumper Park, Corinthians' home ground this season is again Jubilee Oval.

Scot Alf Orr, formerly with Sydney Austral, and a coach in the British army, is in charge of their first and reserve grade teams.

HORNSBY:

While several First Division clubs have voiced opposition to the Federation's directive on fielding young Australians, Hornsby have no doubt that their future lies in local youth and are backing their judgment with hard cash.

They recently purchased 11 acres of ground at West Pennant Hills, and plan to spend \$250,000 in the next four years in developing it as their home ground. At present, their headquarters are at Pennant Hills Oval.

Coached by Doug Lapwood, Hornsby this season will "blood" eight youngsters from their Under-16 and Under-18 teams in the first and reserve teams as part of their youth development policy.

WITH THE AMATEURS JUNIOR BOOM TO CREATE RECORDS

By KEITH GILMOUR

St. George is at last leaping ahead as a soccer district, and an increase of over 30 teams this year is freely tipped at this stage.

Soccer is continuing on its merry way as the leading code for juniors, and Sydney Amateur Association secretary Bra Emery says that some amazing figures will go on the board by the start of the junior season on April 1.

This year the Metropolitan championships will begin on May 7.

The seven rounds will be played at fortnightly intervals in two divisions.

The under 14 and 16 District Representative series will decide the Metropolitan winners for the State Championships finals in those grades.

In other grades the top two teams of each division will play a round robin in August to decide the team to enter the State finals.

Eric Arneil, the Bankstown president, is the first chairman of the Sydney Amateur Soccer Football Association.

A separate Sydney Association has been formed,

with affiliation to the NSW Amateur Association. The NSW body includes all country areas.

Other Sydney officials are S. Tanner (St. George) Senior V.P., B. Packer (Granville) Junior V.P., B. Emery (Manly-Warringah) Secretary, P. Sleep (Bankstown) Treasurer, F. McCarry (Sutherland) Asst. Secretary, P. Freer (Sutherland) Registrar, E. Wilmott (Sutherland) Publicity Officer.

J. Toole and D. M. Allen are two faces missing after years of office.

Western Suburbs and Northern Suburbs Associations have decided to combine their grades from under-8 to under-16, in a move designed to bring better class junior football to both districts.

The joint effort will give the best teams high standard competition for the full season, and will enable lesser teams to meet others of similar calibre.

FIGURE NO. 25

Shortly after Doria died, the Christian countries, joined forces against the Turks, naming as their commander-in-chief Don Juan of Austria. He was a brave young man of 22 but had little experience at sea when he set off for the decisive Battle of Lepanto in October 1571. He drew up a plan of battle, as shown in figure No. 25, using about 200 galleys and 3 galleasses (great galleys) with powerful guns both in their bows and along the sides. The Turks, with 271 vessels, fought with courage but were practically annihilated.

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